Sl. No.	Year	Projects sanctioned	Amount Santioned (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
17	2004-05	Rural Tourism-Village Nagarnar, Bastar	20.00	16.00
18	2005-06	Development of Kondagoan, Bastar	50.00	40.00
19	2005-06	Infrastructure and destination development of Mainpat-Sarguja District	468.41	375.00
		TOTAL:	2933.85	1766.54

Pending tourism projects of Assam

†2948. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether numerous tourism projects of Assam are pending with Central Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps Government have taken for according approval to these projects so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is the responsibility of the State Governments/ UTs. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides assistance for the tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with the State Governments.

Projects which are identified for development are required to be submitted in prescribed format, which has already been circulated to the States and Union Territories. Project proposals for prioritized destinations/circuits are appraised on the basis of *inter-se* priorities

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and funds released subject to availability of funds under the respective head. All the projects submitted by the Assam State during 2004-05, that were complete in all respect have been sanctioned.

A Statement showing amount sanctioned for various projects for development of tourism under Circuits/, Destinations Development during last three years to the State of Assam is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Assam	721.30	313.46	821.75

Ropeway in Ma Sharda Dham in Satna (Madhya Pradesh)

†2949. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of a ropeway in Ma Sharda Dham in Mehar, Satna(MP) has been proposed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that file related to ropeway in Ma Sharda Dham is pending in the Department of Forests; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to construct the ropeway at the said place immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

(c) No such file has been sent by the Ministry of Tourism to the Ministry of Environment and Forest.

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